

*Jesus Ruiz*  
Mayor

*Rene Rodriguez*  
Representative At-Large

*Maria Reyes*  
Representative District 1/  
Mayor Pro-Tem



*Gloria M. Rodriguez*  
Representative District 2

*Mary B. Garcia*  
Representative District 3

*Joseph E. Bowling*  
Representative District 4

*Willie Norfleet, Jr.*  
City Manager

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 11, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rene Rodriguez  
Maria Reyes  
Jesus Ruiz  
Gloria Rodriguez  
Joseph E. Bowling

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mary B. Garcia

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

**STAFF ABSENT:**

Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jesus Ruiz at 6:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ralph Duran

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with five members present.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*Juan Castañeda* was signed up to speak but was not present. *Ralph Duran, Carlos Sepulveda, Suky Ramos, Maya Sanchez, Leticia Miranda, Ben Sanchez, and Trini Lopez* spoke during Public Comment.

### CONSENT AGENDA

**5. APPROVAL OF APPOINTING RALPH DURAN TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PLACE 6. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number five (5)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**6. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

During this time Mayor Ruiz swore in Ralph Duran to the Civil Service Commission.

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING SPECIAL COUNSEL. *JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item number seven (7)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITY ATTORNEY. *JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number eight (8)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY ENGINEER SALARY, BENEFITS, AND FUNDING. *JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table item number nine (9)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CONTRACT SALARY AND FUNDING. *JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to move item number ten (10) after Executive Session.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST POSITION AND SALARY. MARIA REYES**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to move item number eleven (11) after Executive Session.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 319, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE INCORPORATION OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS WITHIN AN AREA INCLUDED IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph Bowling *to approve item number twelve (12).* Motion carried with Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Rene Rodriguez, abstained, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph Bowling *to move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:25 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.**

Gloria M. Rodriguez left the meeting during Executive Session.

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CONTRACT SALARY AND FUNDING. JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to solicit applications for public information officer as contract position with a compensation of 45,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to appoint a committee to conduct interviews and recommend an individual to city council.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST POSITION AND SALARY. MARIA REYES**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to direct the city manager to give notice of termination of the contract with the individual occupying the information technology specialist position effective immediately and further to solicit applications for information technology specialist position as a contract position with a compensation of \$30,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to appoint a committee to conduct interviews and recommend an individual to city council.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES AND CONSULTANTS, AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

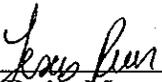
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to delete items fifteen (15), sixteen (16), and seventeen (17).* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**18. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

City of Socorro  
Special Council Meeting  
July 11, 2013

  
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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

  
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Minutes prepared by  
Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

  
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Date minutes approved